

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system of ~~expandable~~ tubulars, comprising:

a first ~~expandable~~ tubular;

a second ~~expandable~~ tubular; and

a connector system coupling the first ~~expandable~~ tubular to the second ~~expandable~~ tubular, the connector system having a plurality of interlocking extensions comprising receiving extensions and insertion extensions, each receiving extension having a connector opening with a narrow outer portion and a wider inner portion to interlockingly receive a corresponding insertion extension.

2. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a slide cover positioned to secure the plurality of interlocking extensions.

3. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein each insertion extension comprises a broad head for receipt in the wider inner portion.

4. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 3, wherein the receiving extensions extend from an end of the first ~~expandable~~ tubular and the insertion extensions extend from an adjacent end of the second ~~expandable~~ tubular.

5-6. Deleted

7. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 61, wherein the connector system comprises a sand barrier.

8. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 7, wherein the sand barrier is positioned along the interior of the first ~~expandable~~ tubular and the second ~~expandable~~ tubular.

9. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 7, wherein the sand barrier is positioned along the exterior of the first ~~expandable~~ tubular and the second ~~expandable~~ tubular.

10.-15. (Deleted)

16. (Original) A connector system for connecting a pair of adjacent tubulars, comprising:

a plurality of connector portions extending from a first tubular; and

a plurality of corresponding connector portions disposed at an end of a second tubular, the plurality of connector portions being configured to interlockingly receive the corresponding connector portions when the first tubular and the second tubular are rotated with respect to each other.

17. (Original) The connector system as recited in claim 16, wherein each connector portion comprises a plurality of spaced circumferentially oriented ridges extending radially inward, and each corresponding connector portion comprises a plurality of corresponding ridges extending radially outward for receipt between the spaced circumferentially oriented ridges upon relative rotation of the first tubular and the second tubular.

18. (Original) The connector system as recited in claim 17, further comprising a sleeve disposed around at least one of the connector portions.

19. (Currently Amended) The connector system as recited in claim 14 16, further comprising a sand barrier positioned along the plurality of connector portions and the plurality of corresponding connector portions when engaged.

20. (Original) The connector system as recited in claim 18, wherein the sleeve comprises a slide cover sized to slide over an interlocked connector portion and corresponding connector portion.

21.-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) A system of ~~expandable~~ tubulars, comprising:

a first ~~expandable~~ tubular;

a second ~~expandable~~ tubular coupled to the first

~~expandable~~ tubular via a connector system; and

a sand barrier disposed along the connector system.

33. (Original) The system as recited in claim 32, wherein the sand barrier is external to the connector system.

34. (Original) The system as recited in claim 32, wherein the sand barrier is internal to the connector system.

35-40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) A system of ~~expandable~~ tubulars, comprising:

a first ~~expandable~~ tubular;

a second ~~expandable~~ tubular; and

a slide cover mounted on the first ~~expandable~~ tubular,

wherein the slide cover may be slid into

engagement with the second ~~expandable~~ tubular to

secure the second ~~expandable~~ tubular to the first

~~expandable~~ tubular.

42. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 41, further comprising a plurality of interlocking extensions disposed at adjacent ends of the first and second expandable tubulars.

43. (Original) The system as recited in claim 42, wherein the slide cover is disposed around the plurality of interlocking extensions to secure them in interlocked engagement.

44-54. (Cancelled)